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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-21, 25-29, 31 and 36-39. Also, please amend claims 22, 23, 30, 32, 34 and 35, and add claims 40-45, as set forth in the following complete listing of the claims and their status. This listing supercedes and replaces all prior listing of the claims.

Claims 1-21 (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 24 30, wherein said applying step is performed using a mechanical spreader.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 24 30 further comprising the step of:

(c) mixing the composition into soil.

24. (previously added) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of:

(d) applying water to the composition to facilitate disbursement of the active ingredient in the soil.

Claims 25-29. (cancelled)

30. (currently amended) The method of claim 25 for controlling moles within an area, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a composition for mole control having an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing the active ingredient, the composition including an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing said active ingredient forming a substantially uniform mixture; and

(b) applying the composition to the soil of the area,

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wherein ~~granular material~~ the inert solid matrix is a granular material which includes at least one of: granular clay, sawdust, straw, grass pellets, and wood chips.

31. (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) ~~The A method of claim 30~~ for controlling moles within an area, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a composition for mole control having an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing the active ingredient, the composition including an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing said active ingredient forming a substantially uniform mixture; and

(b) applying the composition to the soil of the area,

wherein ~~said powdered material~~ the inert solid matrix is a powdered material which includes at least one of: clay powder, eggshell powder, bone powder, and flour.

33. (previously added) The method of claim 30 wherein said composition further comprises an encapsulating material capable of controlling release of active ingredient, said encapsulating material disposed on an outer surface of said active ingredient adsorbed on said inert solid matrix.

34. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~33~~ 30 wherein said active ingredient ~~comprises~~ includes castor oil.

35. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~33~~ 30 wherein said active ingredient ~~comprises~~ includes at least one of: hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.

Claims 36 - 39 (cancelled)

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40. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said composition further comprises an encapsulating material capable of controlling release of the active ingredient, the encapsulating material disposed on an outer surface of the active ingredient adsorbed on the inert solid matrix.
41. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein the active ingredient includes castor oil.
42. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said active ingredient includes at least one of hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.
43. (currently amended) The method of claim 32, wherein said applying step is performed using a mechanical spreader.
44. (currently amended) The method of claim 32 further comprising the step of:
(c) mixing the composition into soil.
45. (previously added) The method of claim 44 further comprising the step of:
(d) applying water to the composition to facilitate disbursement of the active ingredient in the soil.